(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any other date for the meeting has been fixed; and

(f) if the meeting took place, the details of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Shri Basudeb Acharia and two other persons met the Minister of Railways on 2-8-91 in this regard.

(b) He was advised to discuss the matter further on some other date but no date was fixed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Not, yet, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Representation by Loco Running Staff Association

1729. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 3rd August, 1991 from All India Loco Running Staff Association, about the problems facing the Loco Running Staff on Railways.

(b) if so, the details of the problems; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand relates to reinstatement of railway employees.

(c) The issue is under consideration of the Government.

PF Account Slips to contract Workers

1730. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PF annual Account Slips have not been furnished to about 800 contract workers working in Salurry Pond of Dugda Coal Washery, Bihar since last 11 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to furnish Provident Fund annual account slips to the said workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representation from Ex-workers in Iraq

1731. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation dated the 15th July, 1991 has been received by Government from Ex-workers of M/s Anice Construction Service Ltd Iraq;

(b) if so, what are their grievance; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress their grievance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The grievance relates to non-settlement of dues of the workers for their work in Iraq.

(c) The firm has taken the stand that since they have not received payment from Iraq they were not in a position to pay the workers. Ministry of External Affairs is intervening with the Government of Iraq as best as possible in the prevailing circumstances.

Legislation to prevent mining of stone and other minerals

1732. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a legislation to prevent mining

of stone and other minerals in the catchments and watershed areas serving important water bodies in arid and semi-arid zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, what steps are being contemplated to prevent both legal and illegal mining in such areas where the water flow is disrupted as a result thereof obstructing the collection of this vital resource; and

(c) whether any survey has been carried out for identification of such zones where mining is to be prohibited completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Filling up of vacant posts in various Government of India Presses

1733. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 847 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 1991 and state:

(a) the names of the vacant posts which are not required in the interest of the production work; and names of the other vacant posts which are being filled up in each Press in the interest of the production work;

(b) whether Government propose to abolish those vacant posts which are not required in the interest of production work; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Vacancies are not being allowed to be filled up with a view to absorbing the staff that might be rendered surplus in the event of the implementation of the decision to close down four units. There is no proposal at present under consideration for abolition of any of these vacant posts. The names of the posts other than those mentioned in reply to Unstarred Question No. 847 for 26th July, 1991 which are being filled up are as under:—

Govt. of India Press, Minto Rd. (Photolitho Unit), New Delhi.

Key-Board Operator	Assistant Artist
Sr. Artist	Retoucher
Jr. Artist	Machine Assistant
Artist Retoucher	(Offset)
	Dark Room Assistant.

Government of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi.

NIL

Government of India Press, Faridabad.

NIL

Govt. of India Press (Photolitho) Faridabad.

Jr. Artist

Assistant Artist Retoucher.

Besides, certain vacancies in the grade of Peon and Safaiwala have also been allowed to be filled up in the Govt. of India Press Faridabad and in the grade of Lower Division Clerks in the Govt. of India Press (Photolitho) Faridabad, although these are not directly connected with production but ancillary to it.

Inspection by Officials of Slaughter Houses

1734. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officials working under the slaughter House, MCD Delhi inspect the markets and charge the fees from traders who have already slaughtered the animals without their notice;

(b) if so, whether the above said officials also prevent the sale of deceased/naturally dead animals already slaughtered without their notice by persuading such traders to destroy it in their presence voluntarily; and